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Letter dated 5 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the decision of the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) concerning the statement on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016), signed on 16 September 2016 at Bishkek, at the summit meeting of CIS countries (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a General Assembly document under agenda item 107.

(*Signed*) Mirgul **Moldoisaeva**
Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 5 October 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Decision of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States concerning the statement by the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016), signed on 16 September 2016 at Bishkek

The Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States,

Has decided:

1. To adopt the statement by the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016) (see enclosure I);

2. To disseminate the text of this statement in the information media of the States members of CIS;

3. To instruct the Kyrgyz Republic, as the State chairing CIS, to circulate the text of the statement to the United Nations and other international organizations.

Enclosure I

Statement by the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016)

We, the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), having adopted this statement further to the statement by the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth on preserving and strengthening the international system of drug control, of 10 October 2014, express our support for the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem, held at New York from 19-21 April 2016. We regard it as an important step towards the conduct by the General Assembly in 2019 of a full-scale review of progress made in the implementation of the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. We believe that the outcome document of the special session of the General Assembly will help intensify international efforts to combat illicit drug production and trafficking and drug abuse.

We recognize the importance of preserving and strengthening the existing international system for drug control, based on the three core United Nations Conventions, under the central coordinating role of the Organization, taking into account the leadership role of its Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Appropriate measures to combat the drug danger can contribute to ensuring security and stability in the various regions of the world, cut down the financing of terrorist activity with the proceeds of illicit drug trafficking, substantively reduce corruption and organized crime and facilitate progress towards a drug-free world.

Enclosure II

Separate opinion of the Republic of Azerbaijan in relation to the decision of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States concerning the statement by the Heads of State of the States members of the Commonwealth on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016)

With regard to paragraph 2 of the decision of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) concerning the statement by the Heads of State of the States members of CIS on the outcome of the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the world drug problem (New York, 19-21 April 2016):

The Republic of Azerbaijan believes that international efforts must also be directed towards combating illicit drug trafficking, in particular, in territories which are out of control as a result of armed conflicts, and considers respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States to be basic principles in this context.

The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan